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WARSAW

1. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN KEEPING TABS ON THE FLURRY OF RUMORS AMONG
DIPLOMATS HERE AS WELL AS AMONG OFFICIALS WILLING TO COMMENT ON
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THE EUROPEAN CP PREPARATORY CONFERENCE APPARENTLY SET FOR

LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER. AS OF YET, NO ONE IS ABLE OR WILLING TO PIN DOWN EXACTLY WHEN THE CP REPRESENTATIVES WILL MEET, BUT IT APPEARS NEVERTHELESS THAT THE PLANS HAVE NOT BEEN DERAILED BY THE "COMINFORMIST" EVENTS IN YUGOSLAVIA. (FROM OUR SOURCES HERE, SOME WESTERN AND SOME SOCIALIST, IT LOOKS AS IF THE YUGOSLAVS STILL HAVE NOT MADE UP THEIR MINDS TO ATTEND.)

2. CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR ROMANIAN COLLEAGUES HAVE REFLECTED THE ATTITUDE GENERALLY ASCRIBED TO THE ROMANIANS TOWARDS BOTH THE PREPARATORY AND FULL CONFERENCES, E.G. NO READING OF ANOTHER CP OUT OF THE WORLD COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, NO CREATION OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL. ROMANIANS HERE SAY ALSO THAT THEIR HOPE IS TO LIMIT SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION IN FULL EUROPEAN CONFERENCE, TENTATIVELY SET FOR LATE 1974 OR EARLY 1975, TO EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AMONG CPS BOTH IN AND OUT OF POWER ON HOW THEY OPERATE IN OWN DOMESTIC SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL MILIEU. THE CPR DESIRES LITTLE IF ANY ATTENTION ON WORLD PROBLEMS IN THE EUROPEAN CP FORUM, SAY OUR SOURCES, WHO ARE REALISTIC ENOUGH TO ADMIT THAT THE SOVIETS NEVERTHELESS ARE APT TO TRY COMING DOWN HARD ON THE CHINESE OR EVEN FORMING A NEW COMINTERN.

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLIC COMMENT BY OFFICIALS HERE RELATIVE TO THE PREPARATORY OR FULL CP CONFERENCES, OR TO THE ARRESTS AND TRIALS

OF THE COMINFORMISTS IN YUGOSLAVIA. AN MFA OFFICIAL (SIMECEK) SEPT 24 CONFIRMED THE RETURN HOME THE CSSR AMBASSADOR TO BELGRADE, ASCRIBING THIS AS MUCH TO A NEED FOR A GENERAL REVIEW OF CSSR-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS AS TO THE TRIALS.

4. AS FOR THE KSC ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE EUROPEAN CP GATHERING, THE MFA OFFICIAL SAID HE WAS UNSURE OF THE DATES FOR THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE BUT THAT IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE FOR THE END OF SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER. THE KSC WAS IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE IDEA FOR A EUROPEAN CP CONFERENCE, WHICH HE CONFIRMED TO BE UNDER THE FORMAL SPONSORSHIP OF THE POLISH AND ITALIAN CPS. HOWEVER, HE ADDED A REFERENCE TO SOME UNIDENTIFIED DIFFICULTIES WITH THE ITALIANS, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT WITH THE FRENCH CP, OVER THE FORMAT FOR THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE. THESE PROBLEMS IN ALL LIKELIHOOD WOULD BE SURMOUNTED IN TIME FOR THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE TO GET UNDER WAY, SOURCE SAID.
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5. THE MFA OFFICIAL POINTED OUT WITH A DEGREE OF PRIDE THE CIRCUMSPECTION INHERENT IN THE LACK OF ANY REFERENCE IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS TO THE YUGOSLAV COMINTERNIST AFFAIR, DESCRIBING THIS RESTRAINT AS KSC ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT ONCE THE FLOODGATE WERE OPEN TO AN OUTPOURING OF CRITICISM DIRECTED AT ANOTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRY, NO MATTER HOW JUSTIFIED THE CRITICISM MIGHT BE IN THIS YUGOSLAV CASE, IT WOULD BE HARD TO SHUT IT OFF. THIS COMMENT LENDS ITSELF TO OUR

FEELING THAT KSC HAS BEEN A PUSHER FOR THE CONFERENCE, PERHAPS
WORKING BEHIND THE SCENE ON BEHALF OF THE POLES OR SOVIETS
ON TASKS SUCH AS BRINGING THE ITALIANS AROUND. TEREFORE, THE
CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISTS WOULD NOT NOW LIKE TO SEE THE EVENT
STILLBORN. AS THE MFA OFFICIAL SAID, THERE WILL BE NO
PUBLIC OUTCRY AGAINST THE YUGOSLAVS, BUT OUR VIEW IT THAT THIS
OTHERWISE IRONCLAD STIFLING OF PARTY SPOKESMEN AND NEWSPAPER
EDITORS WOULD DISSIPATE OVERNIGHT IN THE FACE OF ANY IRREPARABLE
DAMAGE CAUSED THE CONFERENCE BY THE YUGOSLAV TRIALS.
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